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# Newsletter

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### Thanks

... Jenny Wiegersma for helping supervise the Senior Athletics team next week at the Whangarei Interschool athletics championships

### People of the week

... Brendan Pol, Nathan Hare, Emilie Czarny and Shiprah Jongkind who compete next week in the year 7 and 8 speech finals at Huanui College. These students won 5 out of the 6 qualifying rounds.

... Those students who have put extra work in to get their art portfolios ready for submission on Monday. Good luck!

### Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

20 November	Art Scholarships due 3pm deadline
21 November	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
22 November	Year 7 and 8 Junior Volleyball Tournament
22 November	Year 5 and 6 Speech Finals
27 November	Year 3 Outdoor Education Day - Adventure Forest
28 November	Year 1-3 trip to Mair Park
30 November	Year 4-6 Interschool Athletics
1 December	Tech Quest (Y6 students)
5 December	BOT Parent Helpers Morning Tea
6 December	School Team Athletics Day (pp 7.12)
8 December	Final Year 7 and 8 Tech Day for 2017
11 December	School prize giving
12 December	End of Year Reports issued
13 December	Year 7 and 8 Fun Day
14 December	Final day of the 2017 school year (mid-day finish)

**First day of 2018 school year** ... .. Wednesday 31 January

### Final Virtue for 2017

Outstanding examples of the courtesy virtue will be announced next week.

## After School Care 2018

If you think you would use an After School Care (OSCAR approved) programme next year, starting term 1, 3:00 - 5:30, school hall, Monday to Friday, homework support, afternoon tea, arts and crafts etc. Cost \$6 per child per hour, additional siblings \$3 per child per hour ... .. please contact Kim 021 066 3806 to enrol, or for more information.

### Junior Spelling Bee

... will take place 11:00 am in the school library. Parents welcome!



### Art Scholarship

**Due date for these Monday 20 November 3:00 pm.**

**Please refer to recent newsletters (stored on our website) for information on...**

... Home Gardens	... Pubertal change booklets for year 6 children
... Junior Readers	... Classes for 2018
... Year 8 leaving books	... International Schools Exam results
... School Contributions	... Sunhats
... Borrowed T-shirts	... School gates

**After School Swimming Lessons 2018**

As advised in the last couple of newsletters, we will be making our pool available for swimming lessons during term 1 of next year. Lessons will take place Wednesdays and Thursdays from the week beginning 5 February, and will continue to (approximately) 30 March. Lessons will take place starting 3:15, 4:00 and 4:45 and groups will be (loosely) ability based. There will be approximately 6-8 students per group and the cost will be \$11 per session (\$22 per week), thus \$176 per student for 8 weeks of lessons. The preference is for fees to be paid upfront for the 8 week period. The instructor is a qualified swimming instructor and has a background (and qualifications) in sport science. We have no doubt there will be high interest in these lessons and suggest that you register early. **If interested please phone Cristina Robles on 972 7478 mobile 021464300. Be in quick!**

**Pool Keys 2018**

The school pool will be open for use by key holders from mid-January of next year, until around Easter. Keys will be available for hire next week at a cost of \$40 (with \$10 of this refunded when the key is returned at the end of the season)

**A number of people have not returned their 2017 keys and are asked to do so by the end of next week please, where a key is lost we will be asking parents to pay for the cost of cutting another key.**

**Parent Helpers' Morning Tea**

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting 10:30 am Tuesday 5 December.

This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2017. So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips,.. whatever .. please join us if you can.  
*If you think you will be at this morning tea can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.*

**Confirmation of address / bus entitlement**

Last week parents received a printout giving the most up to date contact details on our school data base. It is critical that you take a look at this to ensure our information is up to date. This information affects such things as contact details used in the event of an emergency, whether or not your child is entitled to travel on school buses, whether your child has in or out of zone status, and even the funding we receive from central government. What you need to do please is ...

.. check all details carefully

Please give Helen a call on Monday with any questions. **If your details need updating, and you have not yet returned your form, please return this on Monday.** This data will then be submitted to the Ministry which will allocate a GPS code.

**Prizegiving**

Please pencil in 11 December for prizegiving ... getting underway 6:30pm .. all under cover this year.

As is our custom we will have a little present for each student ... as well as for pre-schoolers. **If you intend bringing your pre-schooler to prizegiving please give Helen a call next week.**

### Disagreements between children at school (or on the bus)

If your child has a disagreement or a dispute with another child it is critical that you advise the school of this instead of dealing with the matter yourselves. The school always looks into matters thoroughly, our findings may not always correspond exactly with what your child has told you, but we are always fair and remain open to new information. Children are not to be approached directly by another parent. There are legal and ethical reasons for this.

### Class Placements 2018

Teachers are starting to give consideration to class placements for 2018. The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school, but we can throw parent requests / suggestions of **a general nature** into the mix (no guarantees). If there is something you would like us to consider (e.g. extension, consolidation, areas of special interest or need, close friends/ compatibilities etc) please give Kevin a call, drop by, or flick him an email on [principal@matarau.school.nz](mailto:principal@matarau.school.nz). **NO LATER THAN MONDAY PLEASE**. Where a parental request is not met, that parent will be advised the reasons why in due course. **Please note that changes to class lists are unlikely to be made after publication of lists on 13 December.**

***Reminder ... if your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year, and you have not already done so, please let us know asap.***

### 2018 School Stationery

As for 2017, stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz). The class stationery lists will be uploaded by the time school closes & confirmation of your child's 2018 classroom will be confirmed by then too. On the Officemax website search for Matarau School and then your child's class. Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. A brochure will be sent home shortly explaining the process.



If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list.

### Interschool Athletics Qualifiers - Years 4 to 8

Y7 & 8 Event - 21 November - Any questions in the run up to Brenda please.

Y4 - 6 Event - 30 November - Information & permission slips will be sent home were sent home this week with those year 4, 5 & 6 students who have qualified to represent our school zone.

### Year 3 Trip to Adventure Forest - 27 November

The aim of this day is to give year 3 some extra opportunities to challenge themselves & experience a different environment. As always all challenges will be by choice. Our day will be held at Glenbervie Forest, including the Tree Adventure experience. Cost of this day is \$25, permissions slips have been sent home. Please return with your money as soon as possible. Any questions to your class teacher please.

### Y1-3 Trip to Mair Park - 28 November

Children will start with a walk of the Hatea track to the bridge. The rest of the day will be based in the park with a variety of activities that take advantage of the natural environment. The aim of the day is co-operation, problem solving, challenge by choice and of course fun! Permission slips have been sent home, Please return them to your class teacher as soon as possible. Any questions to your class teacher please.

### Home Gardens - Reminders

A reminder that all Garden Diaries must be in by next Friday (24th). There will be no extensions.

Judges consents to visit must also be in next Friday. If you have not received one yet, see Mrs Burgin ASAP.

- ✓ Remember to secure tall plants as they grow.
- ✓ Keep on top of your weeding.
- ✓ Begin removing laterals on tomatoes if you have an indeterminate variety.
- ✓ Keep on top of pest control.
- ✓ Mulch if necessary

Home Garden Judging Criteria ... are as follows ...

Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Diary	6	Health of Plants	4
Layout (incl thinning, spacing and staking)	4	Varieties of Plants	4
Pest Control	4	Creativity / originality	4
Weed Control	4		30

### Found

Black watch has been found at school recently, if your child has lost one please contact the office

### Lost - Antique Copper Kettle

... was used in a floral arrangement on Calf Club Day by a student. The kettle has not been seen since. It is similar to this picture without the lid. It has huge sentimental value to its owners. If you know its current whereabouts or have any information could you please let the office know. Many thanks.



### Finally

A fair bit of effort goes into providing parents (and students) with achievement data that is accurate. Inevitably this means administering and analysing good quality diagnostics. Good quality diagnostic work takes time, and tests are not always a students' favourite activity. We test students no more than is necessary for us to be sure about where they are at, how they are progressing, and what their next steps might be. Thank you to all those students who have applied themselves diligently to assessment tasks over recent weeks. As a result parents will get judgements in reports that can be relied upon for their accuracy. It has been hugely encouraging to see the progress that students, and whole groups of students, have made over the course of this year.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella  
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**Kamo Swimming Club**– 2017/18 Season - Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights also held regularly. High School students welcome - good opportunity to come & swim lengths and get stroke improvement tips and fitness in a relaxed

**Holiday Surf Programmes** - at Tutukaka & Taupo Bay the summer holidays. Our programmes are designed to give children/young adults the confidence to be active and have fun at the beach through the enjoyment of learning how to surf. This is free for children/young adults aged between 11-17 years through BreakAway funding. Monday-Friday - 18-22 Dec; 1-5 Jan; 8-12 Jan; 15-19 Jan. Limited spaces - Please email to book [surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz](mailto:surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz) [www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz](http://www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz)

**Dyslexia PLUS** invites parents to an information evening on Dyspraxia - Presented by Dr Yvette Ahmad, Psychologist, Whangarei 7-9pm. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish Hall Cost: \$10 per family on arrival. Children welcome at parents' discretion. RSVP by 16 November for catering and handout numbers - Email to [admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz](mailto:admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz)

**Local Hairstylist** – Colouring, Foils, Cutting, Curling, Up Do's, Appointments only. Attwood Road. Phone Renae Attwood, 022 582 9179

**Effective Parenting Workshop** - For Parents with children 0- 10 years , with Leone Neal . Do you want to : Yell less? Have fewer power struggles ? Connect more? Feel more confident and peaceful in your parenting? Join us for this fun, informative workshop. *When* : 7pm- 8.30pm , 21st and 22nd November ( choose one ) - 15 Reyburn Street( Printing.com ) , Cost ; \$30; Contact Leone for further details : 0274141365, or [leonerneal@gmail.com](mailto:leonerneal@gmail.com); [facebook.com/effectiveparentingprogram](https://facebook.com/effectiveparentingprogram)

**Ruatangata Playcentre AGM** – Tuesday 28 November 10am. Meeting will be held at the Playcentre – 1190 Pipiwai Road. All welcome.

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## **Matarau School Lunch Fundraisers**

**Mondays** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** - \$4.00 : Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. *Order by Wednesday afternoon at the latest at the office, to receive Friday.*

